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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY
METERED WATER SERVICE CONNECTION WITH ANTELOPE VALLEY-EAST
KERN WATER AGENCY
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

As the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley:

Authorize the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (District), to pay Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) for the installation of a new metered water service connection at 45th Street West and Avenue N-8 in the City of Palmdale. The cost for this connection is estimated to be \$250,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommendation is to construct a new metered-service connection for the District from a newly constructed AVEK water main.

The District serves drinking water to customers in the northern portion of the community of Rancho Vista in the City of Palmdale. Currently, these customers are served water

through a metered connection with AVEK at 60th Street West and Avenue M, which is pumped into storage reservoirs at a high pressure zone and then reduced down to meet the proper service pressure. The additional pumping required to serve this area adds significant power costs to the District.

The new service connection would provide better water flow into this area to meet peak customer demand and significantly reduce the power costs to the District.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as it will provide better water service to our customers.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact on the County's General Fund.

Financing for the proposed service connection is available in the District's Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N64).

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The District may acquire water supplies from any available source, including imported supplies, as authorized by Section 55335 of the Water Code of the State of California.

AVEK has a contract with the State of California for wholesale distribution of the State Water Project water. In July 1970, the District entered into an agreement with AVEK to provide supplemental water to the District through service connections.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed service connection is a ministerial project and is, therefore, categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines under Section 15268(b)(4).

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact on current County services or projects as a result of this action.

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CONCLUSION

Please return three approved copies of this letter to Public Works, Waterworks and Sewer Maintenance Division.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel